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50. (Amended) The composition of claim 49 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide decreases the expression of a cellular adhesion protein or the rate of cellular proliferation.

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- 54. (Amended) The composition of claim 44 wherein said composition is propylene glycol based.
- 61. (Amended twice) A composition comprising a nucleic acid and capric acid or lauric acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said nucleic acid has a modified nucleobase or a modified sugar residue.
- 63. (Amended) The composition of claim 62 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide decreases the expression of a cellular adhesion protein or the rate of cellular proliferation.
- 64. (Amended) The composition of claim 61 wherein said nucleic acid has a cytosine to 5-methyl-cytosine substitution or a 2'-methoxyethoxy modification.
- 66. (Amended) A method of delivering an antisense nucleic acid to the intestinal mucosa comprising contacting the alimentary canal with a composition comprising a nucleic acid and at least two fatty acids, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein said nucleic acid has at least one chemical modification selected from the group consisting of a cytosine to 5-methyl-cytosine substitution, a phosphorothioate linkage and a 2'-methoxyethoxy modification.

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- 74. (Amended) The method of claim 73 wherein said antisense oligonucleotide decreases the expression of a cellular adhesion protein or the rate of cellular proliferation.
- 76. (Amended) The method of claim 66 wherein said composition is propylene glycol based.
- 80. (Amended) The method of claim 66 wherein said composition further comprises a bile salt.

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